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Torrance, California
November 12, 1958

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting at 8:00 P. M. Wednesday, November 12, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mrs. Jean Gerald led the salute to our Flag.

The meeting was opened with an invocation by the Reverend Milton Sippel.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting held November 5, 1958, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Blount pointed out that Asst. Chief of Police Porter was present this evening, and Mayor Isen welcomed him for the Council.

Mr. Porter told the Council that he felt he had gained a great deal from attending the F. B. I. school, and thanked them for the opportunity to do so.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. An October 23, 1958, petition from residents on Denny Road, bearing 11 signatures, protested conditions of the pickup of garbage and trash at the Jump 'N Jack Restaurant at Pacific Coast Highway and Newton St., and the nuisance created by cars hitting a dip in the street at the same location.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone was present to speak to the Council about this, and Mrs. George Trimble, 25225 Denny Road, came forward.

Mrs. Trimble said the hours of the garbage and trash pickup had been changed so that this is done between 7:00 and 9:00 A. M., and the residents would like to be sure that this would continue; she added that flies and rodents had been appearing in the area and they hope some pest control will be established. Concerning the cars leaving the lot, she said the noise was very bad and a nuisance to the area.

Mr. Bob Baron, manager of the restaurant, told the Council that the restaurant had arranged for the pickup of garbage and trash to be made at the hours which would not bother their neighbors, and that they had not been aware of the fact that it was picked up so early until the neighbors had told them; he stated they have employed a firm known as Hydrox Pest Control Co. to come to their premises once a month to prevent and eradicate rodents and flies ever since the restaurant was opened; he produced a letter from the Los Angeles County Health Dept. dated about 10 days before the petition which gave the restaurant an 'excellent' rating; he stated that the gutter which causes the dip in the street was built to City specifications. Mr. Baron requested that the children of the area be kept out of their parking lot, saying they fear some child will be hurt there.

Mr. Baron expressed their willingness to cooperate with the neighbors, and asked that these matters be brought to them rather than here, saying he felt they could save time and trouble for the Council if this were done.

Councilman Beasley moved the letter be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen asked the Director of Public Works, Mr. Russell, if he had seen the driveways there, saying he had checked them and thought they were quite steep.

Mr. Russell had checked these drives, and said the curbs were built in alignment with those in the area; they conform to the ordinance.

Mayor Isen thought perhaps the ordinance should be studied with an eye to the problems involved with the new cars, etc.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried and the communication was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen told the persons interested that if the conditions are not better and do not stay improved, they would be welcome to bring this to the Council again in 30 or 60 days.

2. An item held from the last meeting, a letter from the City of Redondo Beach, signed by F. E. Hopkins, City Manager, concerned improvements of 182nd and 190th Streets.

October 29 and 30, 1958, comments from J. V. Russell, Director of Public Works, and City Manager Stevens, reported this had been tentatively approved by the Council at a joint meeting with the Council of Redondo Beach, and that the Staff had recommended this.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the agreement on these streets.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. A letter received November 3, 1958, in the office of the City Manager from J. J. Golias, 5637 Sunnyview St., protested the condition of property near his, and Chief Benner gave a report on it.

Mayor Isen asked if either of these gentlemen were present, but there was no reply. The Mayor pointed out that people who write letters to the Council would be wise to remember that they have no immunity to the laws of libel.

Councilman Benstead moved that copies of Mr. Golias's letter and the report of Fire Chief Benner be sent to the owner of the property in question.

Motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Blount moved the communications be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

4. An October 27, 1958, letter from Mike Agishian, 2315 W. 166th St., asked permission to salvage material such as cardboard and rags in the City Dump, and offered to pay \$100 a month for this privilege.

A November 5, 1958, memo from Ralph Perkins, Street Superintendent, recommended that the permit not be granted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Perkins's recommendation and deny this request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

There were no protests, and the motion was ordered carried.

5. A letter from Jefferson, Inc., 417 Via Corta, requested that their current month's rent (November, 1958), for the Torrance Triangle, be debited against their \$25,000 security deposit with the City.

Councilman Blount moved the request be denied, saying they do not yet have \$250,000 worth of improvements on the property at this time.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, all in favor, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn asked that the City's Finance Officer and/or City Attorney notify the City Council at any time that there are lessors in arrears in rental payments to the City in such matters.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

6. An October 30, 1958, letter from the Division of Highways, signed by M. L. Bauders, District City and County Projects Engineer, submitted Cooperative Agreement No. 8-7H6 providing for State assistance in the repair of storm-damaged city streets pursuant to provisions of the Budget Act of 1958. Attached were a Resolution between the City of Torrance and the State Department of Public Works, and a copy of proposed Agreement No. 8-7H6.

Councilman Blount moved that this be approved and the necessary work done by the responsible people in the City.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens reported that the Resolution followed our usual form as it was submitted here.

Councilman Jahn moved that after the Clerk had given a number and read the title to any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in regular order.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3595

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT NO. 8-7H6 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3595.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

1. An October 31, 1958, memorandum from Mr. D. W. Mansfield, Asst. City Manager, to City Manager Stevens contained his recommendation on the award of bids for library shelving, furniture and work room installations at the El Retiro Library.

Mayor Isen commented that the Council had received recommendations from Mr. Hanson of the Library Board as well, and suggested that if the Council concurred, it would be well to refer this to a Committee composed of Messrs. Schlens and Scharfman and Councilmen Beasley and Bradford to study the recommendations of Mr. Hanson and Mr. Mansfield and make a report and recommendation here next week.

Councilman Jahn wished to have this discussed now, as did the other members of the Council.

Mr. Hanson came forward and spoke briefly in favor of his recommendations, and offered to answer questions.

Councilman Blount said many people had done a lot of work on this, and the two reports were at direct odds with each other. He felt that one must be right and the other wrong. He wanted to find which was correct and then go ahead with it.

Mr. Hanson explained that the Library Board had made these recommendations only after he had visited and investigated other libraries in the area to get the benefit of their experience. He presented samples of different types of shelving to the Council for inspection.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Mansfield to explain his letter and analysis to the Council.

Mr. Mansfield pointed out that there were a number of discrepancies in the figures presented here in the report from the Library Board which was signed by Mr. Hanson. He presented an oral analysis of the bids, explaining errors in figures and pointing out differences in quality and quantity as bid on under the two sets of specs.

Mr. Varner, the architect for the City, spoke in support of the specs he had prepared, saying the savings made by using shelves other than birch had been used to provide other materials needed in the library.

Councilman Jahn and Councilman Blount both asked Mr. Varner how many books his shelves would hold.

Mr. Varner said the shelves he had planned for the library would hold as many books as the shelves planned by the Commission. Mr. Varner pointed out the fact that the other plan had been prepared by willing and industrious but inexperienced people who, in his opinion, did not know all the requirements.

In response to a question from Councilman Beasley, Mr. Varner replied that library shelving, standard, could vary from 6' to 7' in height.

Councilman Beasley understood that the cabinets in that building had to be custom made because the windows there are not properly spaced.

Mr. Varner replied that unfortunately, the entire project had been the subject of many stories which were unfounded. He said anyone who understands this type of construction would agree there were many things of greater importance in such a building than to build around the size of the steel files. He pointed out that his list of specs was a complete list, and averred that the other list was not.

The discussion continued at length, with such items as bulletin boards, files, etc., being covered.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the recommendation of the Library Commission. Motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Drale asked the City Attorney which of the two bids should be accepted to protect the City, saying he knew that there was a great deal to be considered here besides the furnishings.

Mayor Isen said this had nothing at all to do with the building.

Mr. Varner pointed out that the other specs, as presented, had omitted many items required by law.

Councilman Blount suggested concurrence with the recommendation made at the beginning of this discussion that a Committee be appointed. He felt a week more would not make a great deal of difference, and he moved to agree with the Mayor's appointment of a Committee to report back to the Council at their next meeting.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen told the Council that if Mr. Hanson's recommendations were those approved, the requirements of the law would be read into the contract.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Isen named the following Committee on this: Councilmen Bradford and Jahn, Bldg. Supt. Schlens and Finance Officer Scharfman.

In reply to a request from Councilman Jahn, Mr. Mansfield said copies of both lists of specs, bids, and other pertinent papers were ready for the Committee when they were wanted.

At 9:00 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 9:10 P. M.

At this time the Council considered two items presented to them as an Addenda to the Agenda, under 'Communications'.

7. A November 7, 1958, letter from the West Basin Municipal Water Dist., signed by W. C. Farquhar, Chairman of Area No. 2, asked for the appointment of a Chairman and co-chairman to represent the City on this Board.

The City Manager told the Council that our new Water Commission had met Monday evening and elected Mr. Hoag their Chairman. He would be here later in the meeting. He believed this was the kind of thing the Water Commission could work on to the advantage of the City.

There were no objections, and this was ordered referred to the Water Commission and Mr. Hoag.

8. A November 10, 1958, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., gave the following recommendations for 16" concrete cylinder pipe and 16" gate valves:

"For approximately 7,900' of 16" concrete cylinder pipe, together with bends, outlets and special fittings, we recommend that the low bid of Southern Pipe & Casing Co., in the amount of \$37,762 be accepted.

"For four 16" hub end gate valves as per specifications, we recommend that the low bid of Rich Manufacturing Co. in the amount of \$635.04 ea. for a total of \$2,540.16, be accepted."

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the Water Dept. Superintendent.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A man in the audience asked for information on this recommendation and was given a copy of the letter from Mr. McVicar.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. An October 15, 1958, memo from J. I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, to the Mayor, concerned the expenses of the Planning Commissioners. He explained in the memorandum that members of the Planning Commission have been denied reimbursement of expenses incurred while engaged in City business because of "Code Section 2.18, Compensation; traveling expenses."

A memorandum dated October 10, 1958, from Planning Director Powell concerned this matter, and requested that the Ordinance be amended to allow the Planning Commission to be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the City.

A copy of a November 6, 1958, memo from Bert M. Lynn and Geo. C. Powell to the City Manager was attached, and requested permission for the Planning Commission to attend the Southern California Congress dinner meeting in Rialto (San Bernardino County) November 13, and subsequent Planning Congress dinners with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Drale said he would not object to having the ordinance so amended to specify that any justifiable expenses incurred by the Commission should be paid by the City, and he so moved to amend the ordinance to include that provision.

Mayor Isen asked if the motion meant that the \$20 a month paid to the Commissioners in lieu of expenses would no longer be paid.

Councilman Drale said no, and withdrew his motion.

Mayor Isen discussed this with the Council, saying the Council had been told in 1955 when this section was adopted that it was too much trouble to itemize their expenses, and this \$20 a month maximum payment of \$10 a meeting was approved on that basis.

Councilman Benstead moved this be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. A November 6, 1958, letter from J. V. Russell, Dir. of Public Works, recommended that the Council consider the acceptance of the completion of the El Retiro Branch Library, after which he would file a formal notice of completion.

A copy of a letter dated October 31, 1958, from Mr. Varner, the architect, was submitted with this, listing some corrections which would be needed.

Councilman Benstead did not think the Council should agree to accept this until all corrections have been made.

Councilman Jahn said he would agree with the communication, as he believed the contractor had done a very good job. He recounted his

tour of inspection of the building, and reported that the attitude of Mr. Varner's representative there had left a great deal to be desired. He believed that when faults in the building were pointed out, the man had taken offense.

Councilman Jahn said he would vote to accept the building so the contractor could get his money because there is a year in which he must make any necessary corrections even after he is paid.

Councilman Jahn pointed out Item 4 of the letter from Mr. Varner, reading "fill shrinkage plaster cracks on the north wall on the interior and touch up painting as required", and Item 1 reading "Adjust and align the plastic covers to light fixtures in the stack room areas", saying he would want those items flagged. He did not believe they could be easily corrected, and he wanted to be sure they were corrected as they should be; with those stipulations, he moved to concur.

Councilman Benstead said in other buildings in the City there are items needing correction which have not been touched. Under those conditions, he could not vote to accept this building until all the corrections have been made.

Mayor Isen asked Bldg. Supt. Schlens if it is true that there is a period of a year during which the corrections must be made by the contractor, and Mr. Schlens said it was.

Director of Public Works Russell told the Council he had gone out to look at the building, and those items listed here have already been corrected in each instance.

Councilman Drale seconded Councilman Jahn's motion to concur.

Mayor Isen asked who would check to see that these items were properly corrected, and Councilman Beasley suggested that the Library Board do it and asked that they get copies of the Minutes of this meeting and a copy of these letters for that purpose.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen said he had voted 'yes' on this because the items which are questionable have been flagged and are to be watched.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. An October 23, 1958, letter from J. J. Benner, Chief Engineer of the Fire Dept., reported that due to the growth of the western portion of the city a fire station in that area is needed as soon as possible. His department had made a survey, and as a result they believe the best site would be the NW portion of the Del Amo Estate property which was indicated on a sketch submitted with the letter. Chief Benner requested appropriate action be taken by the City to acquire the property at the earliest possible moment.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this to the City Manager for recommendation, saying he wanted to know where the money would come from.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion, saying he doubted that the money was available.

The City Manager explained that we are trying to get the required improvements of the Departments planned for about 5 years ahead, so we would have some plans to work toward. The Fire Chief had wanted the Council to know that this station would be needed.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE STAFF:

1. Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Staff concerning Tract 22228, Don Wilson; additional widening of Henrietta St. and Filling of Larson Property easterly of that Tract as set forth in the November 4, 1958, communication submitted here.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would be a completely compacted engineered fill.

Councilman Bradford pointed out that he had attended the meeting outlined in the memorandum, which was unsigned, and that he had stated that he would be in favor of a .5% grade only if it was compacted to 90%.

Mr. Nick Harrison, 10928 Penny St., Inglewood, the engineer for Mr. Wilson, told the Council that this grade of 0.5% would be compacted and engineered, saying it would be supervised by a registered soil engineer.

Mrs. Larson came before the Council and agreed that this would be compacted and engineered.

The motion was amended to specify that the soil should be compacted to 90% and the fill should be properly engineered.

The amendment was accepted in the second to the motion.

Mayor Isen asked if this was acceptable and if it would drain.

Mr. Russell said it was acceptable and it would drain.

Councilman Bradford referred to Item 3 in the listing on this communication, and said it should be corrected to be like the minutes of the Staff Meeting.

Mayor Isen asked that the record show that Item 3 was not presented here as it should be, and that it should be as it was in the Staff Minutes.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. A November 6, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engr., concerned the Aid to Cities Gas Tax Funds and the funds for the Improvement of Carson St. A resolution was submitted asking the County Board of Supervisors to supplement the amount set up by the State for this construction and improvement.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3596

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID TO CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3596.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale asked if this would take care of the signal needed at Carson and Hawthorne, and the City Manager said it would only take care of the street work.

Councilman Bradford asked if that signal would not be a problem similar to those needed at Hawthorne and Del Amo, and the City Manager said it would.

The motion for adoption carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A November 5, 1958, letter from City Engineer Bishop recommended release of Bond on Tract No. 22771 in the amount of \$11,500 to the subdivider, Wayne Nelson. A March 6, 1958, letter from C. W. Clemmer was submitted with this, and stated that the trees in the Tract comply with the City's requirements.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation for the release of this bond.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. An October 23, 1958, letter from the Park & Recreation Commission, signed by R. S. Cramer, Chairman, concerned the E. A. Oppenheim vacation request and saying that the property, as outlined in the attached map colored in red, will not interfere with the proposed park site that the Commission was considering.

Councilman Jahn said the Councilmen had looked at the property, but Councilman Drale said he understood they had looked at the wrong property.

The City Manager reported that so far as vacating a portion of the right-of-way is concerned, he could see no harm in it. We will always have enough land there for a roadway, and this will permit him to build more efficiently.

Councilman Jahn doubted that the Councilmen had looked at the wrong property, saying that the City Engineer had pointed out the land in question.

Councilman Blount asked why Councilman Drale said they had looked at the wrong land, and Councilman Drale said both Mr. Patrick and Mr. Oppenheim had told him the drainage ditch had nothing to do with the property in question.

Councilman Jahn said he had had a map with him, and if it was not the property in question, what they had looked at was very close.

Councilman Jahn moved that the request be denied.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen said this had been referred to the City Manager for a recommendation.

The City Manager could not see that it would hurt the City to vacate this land, but said it was entirely up to the Council.

Councilman Benstead suggested that Mr. Oppenheim pay for the land if he wanted it.

Councilman Jahn said he had made the motion he did because this is close enough to old Rolling Hills Road, which opens into two large drainage tunnels that we might have water running through the properties if it were granted. Until it is proven differently to him, he would not grant the request.

Councilman Drale suggested that the Council should be sure of its facts before voting on this.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. An October 28, 1958, letter from the Airport Commission and signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, submitted to the Council their recommendation that the Airport Manager's office be relocated according to the 'Administrative Relocation Plan' they had prepared, and authorize the necessary expenditures.

Councilman Jahn said he had gone out and looked at the property, and while it was very bad, it would be better than the Airport Manager's present quarters.

Mayor Isen said he knew the present quarters were inadequate.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. An October 28, 1958, letter from the Airport Commission, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, recommended concurrence with Mr. Egan's recommendations on the F. E. Smith application for a lease at Torrance Airport.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the Council would like to have these sent in to them so that the recommendation is clearly set out.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation on the F. E. Smith application for a lease.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. In a letter dated October 28, 1958, the Airport Commission submitted their recommendation that Mr. Egan's recommendations on the V. E. Noble lease application be approved. The letter was signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Commission.

Mayor Isen repeated his request that the recommendations be clearly set forth, along with the conditions.

Councilman Jahn asked if Mr. Egan recommended that the Council approve this, and Mr. Egan said he did.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Airport Manager's recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

In reply to a question, Mr. Noble said this would be a prefabricated metal building as good as any on the airport.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Mr. Egan spoke briefly to the Council, telling them that two weeks ago they had voted to conduct leasing negotiations. He is lacking a procedure for access to the Council on lease applications, and asked if one could be established.

Mayor Isen said this would have to be done in open Council meeting and asked the City Attorney if that was not correct.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said it was.

Mr. Egan said he had 3 very active applications now, and two other possibilities.

It was agreed to meet with Mr. Egan and try to work out a procedure on the matter.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if the Ordinance should be amended to allow for this, but Councilman Jahn thought it might be too much for the Council, and the amendment should be delayed.

No action was taken on this matter.

5. The City Manager had a grading and paving plan for the Airport which he presented to the Council for their consideration, and which was called "Exhibit 1".

After a brief discussion of the plan, the City Manager recommended to the Council that we call for bids for the improvements at the Airport for paving and grading of the taxiways and access road according to Exhibit 1.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3507

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR SURRENDER OF LEASES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND HODY'S PACIFIC-CRENSHAW, INC., RELATING TO AIRPORT PROPERTY.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Attorney if there was not to be a cash surrender if Hody did not build there, and the City Attorney said there was no such provision.

The City Attorney reported that Hody's Pacific-Crenshaw had paid their rent for the month of September, but not for the month of October. He did not believe the rent for that month would be paid unless it was specifically stated that was a condition of this release. He said he knew of no way we could collect that rental.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3597

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR SURRENDER OF LEASES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND HODY'S PACIFIC-CRENSHAW, INC., RELATING TO AIRPORT PROPERTY.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3597, saying this was for the purpose of discussion.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

In reply to a question from Councilman Bradford, the City Attorney said he believed the letter from them had arrived about the time the October rent was due.

Councilman Bradford thought it had arrived about the middle of the month, and said he felt they owed us the rent for that month.

Councilman Jahn said the City Attorney had investigated and said there was no way to get the money from the Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3598

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION BY THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TO WIT: THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND WIDENING OF A PUBLIC STREET OVER AND ACROSS THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3598.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. In a cover letter dated October 30, 1958, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1036, which carried by the following roll call vote at the time of its first reading on October 29, 1958: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, and Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1036

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954."

Councilman Jahn moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1036 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

2. With a cover letter dated November 6, 1958, the City Clerk submitted for their second reading ordinance Nos. 1038, 1039 and 1040. These had been unanimously approved by those Councilmen present at the time of their first reading on November 5, 1958, with Councilmen Beasley, Blount and Bradford absent.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read titles to the ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1038

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 523.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1038 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1039

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 530.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1039 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1040

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 531.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1040 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1041

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1041 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Blount asked to have Items a and b under "STOP" signs located for him.

Councilman Jahn explained the location of item b, but said the location of item a had been omitted.

The City Attorney could not remember this.

There were no objections, and Item a was ordered stricken from the ordinance until a proper description is submitted with it.

Councilman Jahn asked that the Traffic Commission locate this for the Council, and amended his motion to stipulate that item a be stricken.

Amendment accepted in the second to the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote as amended.

4. With a cover letter dated October 23, 1958, the Supt. of Bldg. and the City Attorney resubmitted the proposed "SIGN ORDINANCE", as directed by the City Council.

Mayor Isen asked if they had taken into account the signs with flasher lights, and Bldg. Supt. Schlens said they had not because that will be taken care of separately.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens explained, in answer to questions from the Council, that those signs would be taken care of with others called flashing signs, etc. These signs are in other parts of the City than near the airport. We have had complaints in not only on revolving beacons, but on flashing signs.

Councilman Blount asked that Mr. Schlens be sure this is not overlooked, as he feels it is important.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1042

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 24 OF "THE CODE OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING A
NEW CHAPTER 24 OF SAID CODE RELATING TO SIGNS.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1042 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Schlens if this deleted the billboard section of our present Ordinance, and Mr. Schlens said it does not, and that they still require Council approval.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The City Manager asked to employ Mr. Chapman Bone as an Administrative Assistant in Range 58.

Councilman Blount moved to grant the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen commented that this was a fine choice.

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre said that the Council, at their meeting on September 2, had directed him and the City Attorney to meet with Councilmen Beasley and Bradford on the License Ordinance. Because of the time element, we have had to prepare the Ordinance in two parts; the Fee section is ready to be distributed to the Council for study.

Mayor Isen directed that this be placed on the Agenda for the next regular meeting.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Whitacre that the City of Beverly Hills has a model license ordinance, and Mr. Whitacre said it was one of those we had obtained for study.

3. Councilman Beasley reported that he was sorry to have missed last week's meeting.

4. Councilman Blount asked to have the Traffic Commission reminded that the problem of parking on Carson between Arlington and Sartori still exists, and asked that they consider this at their meeting on Thursday, November 13.

Councilman Jahn said they were to have a report on this from the City Engineer.

5. Councilman Bradford asked Mr. Schlens a question about the Sta. Fe Industrial Development. He had noted a discussion about curbs, gutters and sidewalks there had been held at Staff, and asked if it was the intent of Staff not to require these improvements there.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said the discussion at the Staff meeting was on setting standards for industrial tracts. The general trend in most areas is to eliminate the sidewalks and curbs within the tracts of industries, but to require them on the entire perimeter.

6. Councilman Bradford asked if any progress is being made toward improving Del Amo between Redondo Beach and Western Avenue.

The City Manager said the Engineering Dept. is working on an estimate which must be ready before December 1 so it can be in the County Supervisors' budget. This will be only a preliminary estimate.

Councilman Bradford had understood that some funds were being turned back and might be available.

It was agreed it was not likely those funds would be available for our use.

7. Councilman Bradford had noted in a communication from Supervisor Hahn that a section of Crenshaw would be turned back to the City by the County and that the County would no longer maintain it. He asked if this was correct.

The City Manager said it was; he explained that this stretch of the street had been taken over by the County during the installation of a drainage system, which is now completed.

8. Councilman Drale asked that the Council give consideration to a suggestion; he said the Board of Supervisors is trying to raise millions of dollars to save tax monies which the County has taxed defense industries. He felt that the various cities in the county would have to pay a share of this. He thought when the charter was written, it was felt that some day the City would be large enough to have people in various departments to represent the people of the City.

He said he was referring to a Torrance tax assessor. He felt we would have to pay a lot of expense to the County for this and will receive no benefits. He felt the City to be large enough to have a City Tax Assessor, and he recommended that the City Manager study this and give a recommendation to the Council.

Mayor Isen did not agree that this would be a step forward for the City.

Councilman Drale felt it would be, and this was discussed briefly.

Mayor Isen said that system has been found to be unsatisfactory, and that Long Beach and Pasadena are the only cities still using it. He said the one assessment served, and that to have a City assessment would be a duplication of work.

Councilman Drale did not feel the present tax increase has been entirely equitable. The people should be able to come to the City, he stated, and he thinks this would be a service to the people.

Mayor Isen said the City gets only 16¢ of the tax dollar, and he did not believe we should hear complaints about the other 84¢.

This was discussed further.

Councilman Jahn said he would like to find some way to amend the State Constitution and have our own County.

Councilman Drale said perhaps we could have a county building here with an Assessor's office in it where the people could go to discuss and protest their taxes if they wish to do so. He said he had asked only for a study and report.

Councilman Bradford seconded the motion, saying he understood that this asked the City Manager to study whether we should employ a tax assessor or if the County would set up a local Tax office to serve the citizens of the area.

Councilman Blount moved the question, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen said he had voted against this for the reason that he did not feel it right to ask this study now as he felt it to be to no avail.

9. Councilman Drale understood we had quite a serious fire in South Torrance and had a problem because there was not enough water to combat the fire. He suggested that the Water Commission investigate this and report back to the Council, and he so moved.

Councilman Beasley said he would second that, saying he had made many complaints about the poor water service in south Torrance.

Councilman Drale said he was talking about the Narbonne area.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

10. Councilman Jahn asked the Council to consider voting approval of the appropriate expenses for the Councilmen who wish to attend the A. M. A. conference in Boston, subject to the usual accounting.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Mayor Isen returned to the matter brought up by Councilman Drale. He said there was a great difference between having a Tax Assessor in a County office here and a Torrance Tax Assessor. He explained that the County Tax bills now carry the taxes for the City and the School Districts, et al. He felt it was good to consider restricting the amount of tax increases in a year and other things to hold the line on taxes.

The Mayor had noted that Supervisor Chace is pursuing economy and cutting expenses on the Board of Supervisors. That is fine, the Mayor said, and he suggested that a letter go to the Board asking them to follow through on this and make the cuts. He suggested that Mr. Mansfield prepare the letter for the signature of the Mayor.

Councilman Jahn demurred that the South Bay cities might not be standing a proper ratio of those economies, and he suggested that the cuts be understood before they are approved.

Councilman Beasley said Supervisor Hahn has been supporting economy measures for a long time and we have not written to him.

Mayor Isen suggested that the letter be submitted to the Council for approval before it is mailed.

Councilman Bradford said he would not approve such a letter until he knew where the spending would be cut. He did not approve economies such as that of not improving Del Amo Blvd.

12. Mayor Isen referred to a letter marked for information on the Agenda, saying it came from a local PTA group, and he suggested it be referred to the Traffic Commission.

Councilman Jahn reported that they have it on their agenda for the next meeting.

13. Mayor Isen referred to a letter about the fire truck used as a piece of playground equipment in North Torrance, saying there was a letter here about it for information from the company which had built the truck, which is now obsolete. He suggested that copies of the letter go to the Park & Recreation Commission, the Recreation Director, and to the ladies who had suggested this use for the old truck.

14. Mayor Isen announced that the Ordinance creating the Civil Defense & Disaster Commission becomes effective tomorrow, and that there must be 5 appointments made. He said he has considered appointing Commander Wm. A. Mason, USN (Ret.), because of his background, and Mr. Clifford Peterson, who is interested in this. He asked the Council for suggestions, saying he would especially appreciate having names suggested from the North and Central sections of the City. He pointed out that this Commission would be able to go as far as they like to publicize civil defense and disaster problems.

15. Mr. Hoag, Chairman of the Water Commission, came forward. Mayor Isen extended the Council's congratulations to him upon his being chosen as Chairman of the Commission, and informed him of the matter referred to his Commission earlier in the meeting. He told Mr. Hoag that the names of those people appointed to serve the City on the Committee in question should be sent here for ratification.

16. Andrew Fechet, 2765 Lofty View Drive, asked the Council if they had arrived at any conclusion about the problems in his area when they made their tour of inspection.

Mayor Isen said no conclusion had been reached.

Councilman Beasley suggested that the City Manager make a recommendation on this to the Council for a vote to establish the position of the Council on this, and so moved.

Councilman Benstead asked if the City Attorney should not share in making this recommendation, and Councilman Beasley replied he had assumed the City Manager would consult with the City Attorney, City Engineer, Public Works Director, and other pertinent persons.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale asked if the condition behind Richville Drive would also be considered in the recommendation.

Councilman Beasley so amended his motion, and Mayor Isen accepted the amendment in the second.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

17. Mayor Isen reported he had looked at the condition existing where the Shoppers' Market is being built, and that he considers it dangerous.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said he had taken the matter to the Planning Commission after the last meeting of the Council, and the Planning Commission had requested this come back to the Council with the original requirements there to be unchanged.

Councilman Drale agreed with this, saying that had been the agreement made with the people in the area.

Councilman Blount pointed out that the first recommendation of the Planning Commission had clearly stated "in consideration of their building a masonry wall", and said he saw no reason to change that stipulation. The variance had been granted with a block wall fence.

Mayor Isen asked if there was any ambiguity there, and Mr. Schlens said there was not.

Councilman Blount moved the request to change the wall from a masonry wall to a chain link fence be denied.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

18. Ray Malosh, 25909 Richville, told the Council his insurance company had cancelled his insurance on his home because he had been given a disaster loan. He pointed out this was because of the drainage problem he had reported to the Council.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Malosh that the City had not been proven responsible for the drainage in that area.

Mr. Malosh said he simply wanted the Council to have this information.

19. Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of
Torrance, California

By *Chas. Whitacre*
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance